

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION GEORGIA STEM DAY

WHEREAS: Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education is fundamental in

the success of our future workforce and has become a vital aspect of our state's

future economic competitiveness and growth; and

WHEREAS: On Georgia STEM Day, the TAG Education Collaborative, community partners,

and K-12 schools throughout the state will join together to celebrate STEM and

recognize its benefits to our students; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is a global center for logistics technology, information security

technology, financial technology, health IT, and communication services. The technology industry has a statewide economic impact of more than \$113 billion,

accounting for nearly 17 percent of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS: By the year 2018, nearly 211,000 technology jobs are projected to exist in our

state. Fostering student interest in STEM careers will strengthen Georgia's

leadership position in technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS: Students, teachers, companies, and universities will participate in STEM

activities such as informational sessions featuring industry speakers, hands-on classroom projects, field trips and more, that will engage and excite students

about STEM learning; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5,

2017, as GEORGIA STEM DAY and encourage our citizens to celebrate STEM education in order to engage our youth and sustain our position as a leader in

technology.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4^{th} day of May in the year of our Lord

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